THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) There are no inputs to indicate that international terror groups have set up their cells in Bangalore and Mangalore. However, networks and activities of groups like Lashkar-e-Toiba, Jaish-e-Mohd. and Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, have been discovered from time to time in various parts of the country.

(c) Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system, etc. As a result of coordinated action, several terrorist modules have been neutralized.

Diplomatic initiatives have also been taken with various countries to enlist their support in countering the activities of militant groups.

Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 has been promulgated under which 25 organisations, including Lashkar-e-Toiba, Jaish-e-Mohd. and Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, have been notified as Terrorist Organisations.

Activities of ISI Inspired Elements in Mewat area Near Delhi

†2490. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the reports that Pakistan's intelligence Agency (ISI) inspired demands are becoming active in the Mewat area, which is adjacent to Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some agitated people from the said area have gone to Afghanistan to take part in the war in favour of Talibanis; and

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Pak ISI is involved in aiding, abetting and supporting terrorism in various parts of the country.

While there are no reports about increase in ISI activities in Mewat area or participation of people of the area in war in favour of Talibanis, some cases of espionage have been detected in this area. Action has been taken under relevant provisions of law against those involved.

Map Released by NDFB

2491. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent release of map by the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), claiming part of North Bengal and Meche Anchal of Nepal besides Bodo dominated areas of Assam as part of their proposed Bodoland; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) has been declared as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. In response to the Central Government Policy for peace talks, the Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT), another militant group of Bodos, has abjured the path of violence and has come forward for peace dialogue within the four corners of the Constitution. The Government of India has initiated tripartite peace talks involving the Government of Assam and the BLT for finding a lasting solution to the Bodo problem.